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NATION-WIDE PROTEST TO GREET USSR'S KOSYGIN

by Lewis Levendel

Canadian Jewish leaders were active between the Holidays organizing demonstrations for this month's visit by Soviet Premier Kosygin despite the lack of any clear itinerary for the tour.

Jewish organizers told the CJN they felt the federal government would keep Kosygin's itinerary a secret until the very last moment. One official suggested that the government would not publicly announce the itinerary because it feared incidents during the visit.

A Canadian Jewish Congress official said organizations are being advised to stand by "for quick action" during the Soviet leader's tour beginning Oct. 18 in Ottawa. He is also expected to visit Montreal, Toronto, Edmonton and Vancouver during his eight days in the country.

Congress leaders met External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp in Ottawa Sept. 17 and assured him all demonstrations would be "orderly". The minister said the matter of Soviet Jewry would be raised in discussions with Kosygin. The meeting with Sharp was requested by Congress leaders.

Meanwhile, the Toronto Simchat Torah rally scheduled for Oct. 12 has been moved up to Oct. 9 because Nathan Phillips Square was unavailable on the former date. An internationally known speaker, soon to be announced, is expected to address the gathering after a torchlight parade to City Hall.

Nation-wide demonstrations are expected to take place on Oct. 18 when Kosygin arrives in Ottawa. The Ottawa Jewish Community Council is drafting final plans for its response to the visit. An announcement will be made after the Holidays.

On the morning of Oct. 20, rabbis from central Canada representing all groups in Judaism, will hold a conference in Ottawa. They hope to present a petition on behalf of Soviet Jewry to Kosygin.

Ella Cohen, national co-ordinator for the Congress' Action Committee for Soviet Jewry, elaborated for the CJN on Oct. 12 Simchat Torah rally in Montreal.

The flashlight parade to the Russian Consulate on Ontario Street will be led by 75 community leaders and rabbis carrying Torah scrolls. A recent female emigre from the U.S.S.R. to Israel is scheduled to address the gathering in Dominion Square before the march. She will wear a hood to protect her identity.

Route of the parade is north on Peel, west on Sherbrooke and north on Ontario. About 4,000 to 5,000 persons are expected to dance and sing in front of the consulate. Further meetings are being held in Montreal to finalize the community's response during Kosygin's visit to that city.

Mrs. Cohen said the week of the Russian's visit will be declared "National Solidarity Week for Soviet Jewry."

Simchat Torah rallies are also scheduled for Winnipeg and Vancouver on Oct. 12. In the Manitoba capital, there will be a "solidarity rally" at Rosh Pina Synagogue and in B.C., a special service will be held at 7 p.m. on the steps of Beth Israel Synagogue.

David Newman, David Satok

U.S. rumored to supply Phantoms

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
Jerusalem

Unconfirmed reports here indicated last week that Israel has received an "unofficial" offer from the U.S. to resume the supply of war planes if Israel eased its conditions for an interim settlement.

The reports said the offer was made by a senior American official and hinged on Israel's agreement to permit a token number of Egyptian troops to cross the canal after Israeli forces withdrew from its east bank. Israel was asked to pull back a greater distance than it was prepared to do, according to reports.

In Washington, a state department officer described the report as "a crazy story," and flatly denied that any pressure was being placed on Israel. The Israeli Embassy declined to comment on the report.

A diplomatic observer here, however, noted: "There was a time when Israel could buy planes. Now Israel can't seem to get a response for its offers. Perhaps there is a link between concessions and planes.,

The reports are believed to refer to U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Joseph J. Sisco who visited Israel at the end of July and more recently had meetings in Washington with the Israeli Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin. Sisco was reported to have suggested a 25 mile pullback by Israeli forces.

But the implications of the American offer are more disturbing to Israelis than their content. Observers here have pointed out that the U.S. promised to supply Israel with more Phantom and Skyhawk jets without strings in order to maintain the military balance in the Middle East. Now the Americans seem to be asking for something more than money in exchange for the planes. Political circles ask: if Washington's promise, given unconditionally, can suddenly be burdened with conditions, how far can Israel trust the American administration's undertakings in other matters?

The growing feeling here is that such behavior must seriously affect the credibility of American guarantees underwriting a future settlement. But it would be counter-productive for Washington inasmuch as it can only result in a stiffening of Israel's attitude, the circles say.

Meanwhile, Democrat Senator Henry M. Jackson said that he will move "at the earliest practicable opportunity" for legislation ex-

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Congress leaders accused of showing contempt for public

by Richard Levine

The leadership of the Canadian Jewish Congress was accused of "showing its contempt for the public by its failure to appear" at the public meeting held at Shaarei Shomayim synagogue on Thursday, Sept. 23. The statement was made by David Satok who served as chairman of the meeting, attended by 80 people, sponsored by the Provisional Committee to Save the Canadian Jewish Congress.

The Provisional Committee consisting of Julius Hayman, David Newman, Joseph B. Salsberg, David Satok and Max Federman was formed to oppose the proposed merger between the regional operation of Canadian Jewish Congress and the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto.

Satok stated that the merger issue had been discussed a year earlier and defeated by Congress leadership. The Provisional Committee was formed when it learned that the matter had been raised again and would be the subject of a Congress executive meeting on October 3.

Julius Hayman, editor of the Jewish Standard, the main speaker of the evening, accused the leaders of the Canadian Jewish Congress of "weakness, frustration and apathy if they allow the Congress to merge with the Welfare Fund."

He went on to say that a merger of the two organizations "will inevitably alienate the youth, the intellectuals and the cultural organizations and would weaken the link between the regional operation and the national organization of Congress.

"I am the last to gloss over the many glaring inadequacies of the Canadian Jewish Congress," Hayman continued, "but I want to save it so that we can improve it. If Congress is weak, its weakness lies not in its

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Jack Geller

Advertisement in news paper is not invitation, says Harris

Two Canadian Jewish Congress leaders reacted vigorously to the allegations that they were showing contempt of the public by failing to attend last week's meeting sponsored by the Provisional Committee to Save the Canadian Jewish Congress.

"I don't feel called upon to defend Congress leadership," stated Jack Geller, chairman of the Joint Community Relations Committee. "The attackers are defending particular interests which have little bearing on the real content of the merger."

"It is nonsense to say we are being secretive," he continued. "Congress has called a meeting to deal with the matter sometime in October. Before that meeting there will be a mailing giving the details of the merger proposal. The issues will be discussed before the regional council, one of the most representative bodies in Congress.

"We were not invited to last night's (Sept. 23) meeting," he added forcefully. "We will defend the proposal at a regularly called

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New dissident panther group rises, opposes domination by Europeans

Tel Aviv (JTA) – A new dissident group calling itself "Panthers" has surfaced here. Unlike the Black Panthers of Jerusalem, it is directed not so much against poverty as against the domination of Jews of European and Western origin in Israeli life. Spokesman for the group held a press conference in a local coffee house and unveiled their insignia which is not a panther but a sign with the Hebrew word, "Enough".

"Enough of discrimination, enough of imposing the Eastern European Jewish way of life on Israel whether its eating habits or its way of pronouncing Hebrew," the new Panthers said. The group includes several Ashkenazi Jews as well as Sephardim and not all of them are from the deprived segments of society. Some are wage earners. They claimed their aim was to change the attitude of the "Establishment" toward the deprived and underprivileged.

Eli Abigezer, a 22 year old Black Panther was fined $375 by a magistrate's court recently and given a four month suspended prison sentence for his part in an illegal demonstration last month in Jerusalem that ended in a riot. Abigezer was the first of the arrested Panthers to be sentenced. The accused was charged with obstructing police and participating in a demonstration that violated the terms of a police permit issued to the Panthers for a public rally.

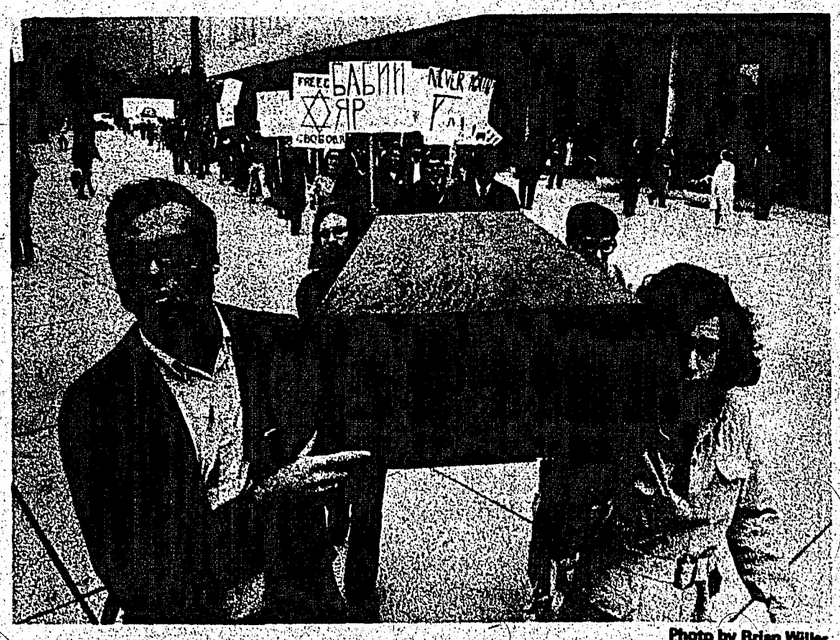

Photo by Brian Willer

Exactly 30 years ago, the Jews of the Russian city of Kiev were brutally murdered by Nazi occupation forces in Babi Yar ravine, just outside the city. Commemorating the event, Toronto's Student Action Committee for Soviet Jews held a memorial rally on Erev Yom Kippur at Toronto's City Hall Square.

U Thant urges Israel withdrawal

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
United Nations

Israel has again criticized UN Secretary-General U Thant for his renewed request for a change in Israel's position on withdrawal from the occupied territories as the "minimum condition" required for reactivating the peace-seeking efforts of Swedish diplomat Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring.

The Secretary-General warned that "new fighting will break out sooner or later" in the Middle East if the impasse on peace talks continued. He made the statement in his annual report on the work of the UN, issued in connection with the opening of the 26th General Assembly.

Last February, Dr. Jarring asked Egypt for a commitment to a peace agreement and asked Israel to commit itself to withdrawal from the entire Sinai Peninsula once the agreement was reached. Egypt agreed and Israel did not. Israel then said that it remained willing to resume talks without prior conditions and expressed criticism of Dr. Jarring for going beyond his mandate under Resolution 242 in asking for a withdrawal commitment.

In his report, Thant observed that until there has been a change in Israel's position on withdrawal, it would serve little purpose to reactivate the talks by Dr. Jarring. He added that if Israel continued to refuse to accept that condition, steps must be taken by the Security Council and its members "with influence on the parties concerned." In regard to Israel, this was understood to mean the United States. Thant dismissed the United States effort for an interim Egyptian-Israeli agreement on reopening the Suez Canal – which brought about a cease-fire in August, 1970 – with the comment that "the information so far available does not indicate that an agreement" on an interim pact "can be reached in the near future. But time is of the essence."

A spokesman for Israel's UN mission said there was "nothing new" in the Secretary-General's comments, in his annual report, on the Middle East, adding that his views "are well known." The spokesman said that "it is also well known that no peace talks can be effectively conducted and that any talks would be emptied of all meaning if they were turned into an attempt to impose preconditions on the parties."

The statement added that "demands for pre-conditions are a sure way to block progress and create deadlocks in any type of negotiations, especially peace talks." This, it asserted, "is precisely what happened with the Jarring talks. The way to overcome the deadlock created in them is not by solidifying it further through insistence on the very pre-conditions which brought the deadlock about, but by ensuring that the talks are pursued in the normal manner of free negotiations in which neither party insists upon forcing its diktat upon the other as a condition for continuing the exchange of views."

Organizations and People

what's new...

by Miriam Herman

Claude T. Bissell, president of the University of Toronto, addresses a group of supporters of the Canadian Foundation for Jewish Culture who were the guests of Nathan Silver. Left to right are: Professor Eleazar Birnbaum; Rabbi Dr. Stuart E. Rosenberg, president of the Foundation; Dr. Josef Kates; President Bissell; Professor Emil L. Fackenheim; Mrs. Emil L. Fackenheim and Nathan Silver, campaign chairman.

Hadassah members from British Columbia to Newfoundland will be represented at Canadian Hadassah's 24 Biennial Convention. Co-chairmen of Convention '72, to be held Jan. 8-12 at the Inn on the Park, are Mrs. Manuel Bogoch of Edmonton and Mrs. Sydney Wise of Toronto. As an incentive to early local registration, Toronto city convention chairmen Mrs. William Pape and Mrs. Harry Garson will hold a draw for a fully-paid convention package, including the opening reception. Everyone who registers before Nov. 1 is eligible for the draw.

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The excavations at the southern wall of the Temple Mount.

For those interested in archeological digs, the Institute of Archeology of the University of Jerusalem is extending an invitation to participate in several of its current excavations. The digs are being led by Professors Yigal Yadin (of Massada fame), Avigad and Avi-Yonah. One of the highlights will be seven days working on the excavation at the Western Wall.

Those wishing to participate may write the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University national office at 1506 McGregor Avenue, Montreal.

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The National Council of Jewish Women's project CHILD (Council's Help to Israel's Learning Development) is a unique pilot program for deprived pre-schoolers. It is held in conjunction with the N.C.J.W. Centre for Research in the Education for the Disadvantaged, a part of the Hebrew University School of Education. Located in the Hatikvah quarter of Tel Aviv, the project involves 123 children. Non professionals, trained in specialized home instruction visit the children's homes each week. Armed with specially prepared teaching materials and books they teach the mothers to assist their own children. The program will conclude with an analysis of test data for the future use of all disadvantaged Israeli pre-schoolers.

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Mrs. Harry Frisch, president of Hebrew Weston Charitable Services, reports that plans are being formulated for their forthcoming annual tea to be held on Sunday, Oct. 24 at the home of Mrs. J.H. Barruch on Dunlee Rd. The proceeds are being used to help support the Kosher Meals on Wheels program.

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The co-ed Netzah Branch 577, Farband Fabor Zionist Order, which consists of young adults between the ages of 20-30, will open their season of activities with a Wine and Cheese Party to be held on Sunday evening, Oct. 3 at their centre on Viewmount Ave.

The Order's Bible Study Group, which began its ninth year of activity in September meets every other Wednesday at the centre. The lectures, under the direction of Joshua Altman, are open to the public.

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In a display of interfaith and understanding, members of the Junior League of Toronto were "pinch-hitting" for a group of Jewish volunteers during the High Holiday season. They undertook the delivery of hot meals (as part of the Kosher Meals on Wheels program) to elderly Jewish residents on Rosh Hashana and on Yom Kippur. More than 80 deliveries were involved on each of the holidays.

...about people

Rabbi G. Felder, chairman of the Rabbinic Kashruth Committee and spiritual leader of the Shomrai Shaboth Congregation on Glengrove Avenue, is publishing his ninth book. Entitled Nachlat Tvi, it deals with the laws of divorce. His writings on the laws, customs and traditions of Jews and their institutions have been prodiguous and highly esteemed. Rabbi Felder is recognized as one of North America's great halachic experts. The book, published by the New York firm of Bolshon Printing and Publishing, is expected out shortly.

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Mrs. Ella Cohen of Montreal was recently appointed national co-ordinator of the Action Committee for Soviet Jewry organized by the Canadian Jewish Congress. Mrs. Cohen, actively involved in community work, was the first member of the Women's Federation to be presented with a special award by the Men's Division of the Combined Jewish Appeal of Montreal.

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Rabbi and Mrs. Maurice N. Eisendrath – he's the president of the Union of America Hebrew Congregations – are visiting Toronto for the High Holidays. The rabbi was spiritual leader of Holy Blossom Temple for many years.

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After a short visit here, Naomi Schild, daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Erwin Schild will be returning to Israel in October to resume her studies at the Jerusalem College for Women. She is training to be a high school teacher in Israel.

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Morty Weinfeld has been appointed assistant director of the Youth and Hechalutz Department of the Federated Zionist Organization of Canada. Mr. Weinfeld, who will be responsible for student Zionist activities across Canada joins the organization after doing graduate work in Jewish studies at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

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One of Israel's prominent diplomats, Gideon Saguy, press information officer of Israel's foreign ministry in Tel Aviv, will speak at the first annual dinner of the Women's Apparel and Fashion Industry taking place on Wednesday, Oct. 6 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

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"Bunny" Cowan is celebrating his 30th year as an announcer. He is known to TV and radio fans alike as the voice behind Front Page Challenge and the Pierre Berton show and for many years was commentator on the Toronto Symphony broadcasts.

Synagogue holds Vigil for Peace

by Miriam Herman

It is an old Jewish custom to spend Hashana Rabba, the seventh day of Sukkot, in study. Three years ago Adath Israel Congregation, Southbourne Ave. revived that custom. At a time when demonstrations, sit-ins and love-ins were "the thing," the traditional night of study evolved into the "Vigil for Peace."

The response was enthusiastic. Thousands came to the synagoguge, young and old alike. Parents and children studied side by side, bridging the generation gap if only for a few hours. At four in the morning, 300 persons were still there and at least 100 kept the vigil throughout the night.

Each year since, attendance has continued to grow. A new format has been designed this year.

The vigil will begin with an opening assembly at 9 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 9 in the main sanctuary of the synagogue, after which participants may attend programs of their choice. There will be a "Bet Hamidrash" for the study of the texts in company with discussions and lectures in the "lecture hall;" movies relating to peace in the "film theater;" and various singing groups in the "music hall." A "coffee bar" will have refreshments available throughout the night.

Among the speakers will be Col. Jacob Monbaz, Consul-General of Israel in Toronto; Gordon Carton, Ontario minister of labor; Professor Irwin Cotler; Father Rolande de Corneille and other academic and rabbinic leaders.

Israel air force boss to speak at dinner for business leaders

Gen. Mordechai Hod

Major General Mordechai Hod, Commander of the Israel Air Force will stop in Toronto on Oct. 28 to address the first Corporate Dinner. Guest of honor at the dinner will be company president Jack Stupp.

Gen. Hod, a native Palestinian, came up through the ranks to assume command of the Israeli Air Force. He directed the sorties which immobilized Arab armies in the Six Day War of 1967.

As a youth, he was a member of the Haganah and the Palmach forces. He later organized the first airlift of Jewish youngsters from war-torn Europe to the Holy Land. After Israel's establishment he became a pioneer member of Israel's Air Force and one of its top jet pilots.

"Profoundly racist" Chief Rabbi condemns satirical play

Rome (JCNS) – Dr. Elio Toaff, the Chief Rabbi of Rome, has condemned as "profoundly racialist" and an incitement to the lowest form of anti-Semitism a satirical play entitled Pig Judah and starring the well known Italian comic actor, Riccardo Billi, which has ended an open-air run on the Aventine Hill.

Described as a "biblical play" by its author, Guido Ammirata, the production is a skit on the activities of Judah and his daughter-in-law, Tamar.

Chief Rabbi Toaff's statement said that the play profoundly falsified the Bible and presented Jewish characters in the same way as was done during Mussolini's anti-Semitic fascist dictatorship.

Two protests were staged during the production and there were scuffles when spectators jumped on the stage shouting: "This is not Biblical truth." Police intervened.

Thirty students, most of them Jews, hurling eggs and tomatoes at the actors and the audience, broke up a performance recently.

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Organizations and People

Committee to conduct education survey

An intensive examination of the whole panorama of Jewish education in Metropolitan Toronto will be undertaken by the Study Committee on Jewish Education, headed by J. Sydney Midanik, according to an announcement by Donald Carr, president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto.

The Committee was set up by the UJWF, which allocated about $900,000 a year to the Board of Jewish Education and the schools affiliated with it.

Areas to be explored by the Study Committee will encompass educational programing in subsidized and non-subsidized schools and will include: Financing of Jewish education; day schools; day high schools; evening schools; teacher recruitment and training and Board of Jewish Education.

A separate task force will be assigned to each area to be surveyed. Mr. Midanik said the task forces are now being organized and are expected to begin their hearings early in November. They will be aided by professional staff. Composition of the task forces will be announced shortly.

According to Mr. Midanik, the main thrusts of the survey will be aimed at the problem of finances and how to establish priorities within the framework of the financial resources available and an introspective and objective look at the quality of Jewish education throughout Toronto to determine if the community is getting the best type of education in relation to its investment.

J. Sidney Midanik

Mr. Midanik said the operation of the Board of Jewish Education will be examined to determine what other services, if any, should be provided.

Trends in Jewish education in other large North American centers will be studied to compare with activities here. The educational systems in Denver, Baltimore and Chicago are currently under review and the information gathered there is expected to be useful in providing a basis of comparison.

Mr. Midanik said the Study Committee will invite submissions from rabbis, school boards, principals' and teachers' associations and anyone else in the community interested in Jewish education.

Mr. Midanik, chairman of the Study Committee, was a member of the Toronto Board of Education for nine years, served as its chairman in 1957 and was chairman of the Metro Toronto School Board in 1962. He is vice-chairman of the Central Region, Canadian Jewish Congress and is a member of the national executive. He is on the board of the Board of Jewish Education.

Serving on the committee with him are: Donald Carr; Harry Steiner; Herbert H. Solway; Samuel Shainhouse; Phillip Schwartz; Irving Feldman; Nathan Silver; Harry L. Wolfson; Dr. Alexander Brown, associate director of the Board of Jewish Education; Dr. J. Klinghofer, educational director of the Canadian Jewish Congress; Benjamin Schneider, executive director of the United Jewish Welfare Fund; Rabbi Irwin E. Witty, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education.

Minister describes Arab gains in speech at York

by Larry Anklewicz

Peace would bring "untold blessings for untold millions of people," not only in Israel, but throughout the Middle East. On this note, Dr. G. Douglas Young, head of the American Institute of Holy Land Studies in Jerusalem, concluded an hour long talk at York University last week.

Appearing very optimistic about conditions in the Middle East, Dr. Young refused to put the blame for the present situation on either the Arabs or the Jews. Both side could be blamed, Dr. Young stated, but "it's a waste of time . . . because it's not going to solve anything."

Instead, Dr. Young related events he himself had witnessed as a resident of the area for the past eight years. Since the Six Day War of 1967, the doctor said, the Arabs of the West Bank have ruled themselves, have benefited from higher wages and improved living conditions, and have had their holy shrines protected.

Arab contractors are starting to build again and several large apartment projects are now under way with the aid of loans from the Israeli government.

This does not mean that the Arabs have learned to love the Jews, but they don't want the Jordanians back either. They want a government of their own.

Dr. Young emphasized that within the occupied territories, Arabs and Jews are beginning to realize that they can work with each other and that things may improve in the future.

"Internally, the situation is hot so bad," Dr. Young said.

The trouble, Dr. Young continued, stems from people on the outside whose interests are not served by peaceful co-existence between Palestinians and Jews. He pointed out that the Russian advance into the Middle East has been one of the major causes of trouble in the area.

If left alone, Dr. Young seemed to think, the Arabs and the Jews could reach a solution to their problems and could learn to live together in peace.

Dr. Young is currently visiting Toronto and on Sept. 23 spoke at the University of Toronto and on Sept. 26 he appeared at the Beth Emeth synagogue in North York.

in the magazines

by Arnold Ages

Dr. Trudy Wise Rosmarin, editor of the **Jewish Spectator**, has published a blistering attack against certain segments in Orthodox Jewry.

In her editorial pages of the September issue Dr. Rosmarin mounts a withering assault against the ultra-Orthodox, who, in her opinion, commit sins that can never been forgiven. (A rather frightening thought during these days of penitence.)

Recounting an incident she witnessed at a recent wedding where an ultra-Orthodox rabbi humiliated a Conservative rabbi in public, the fearless Miss Rosmarin goes on to blast the conduct of other ultra-Orthodox rabbis, one of whom has reportedly refused to instruct Conservative and Reform Jews in Torah study.

Miss Rosmarin is all the more annoyed because Jewish tradition (the pertinent sources of which she quotes at length) explicitly forbids the kind of behavior she finds all too often among the ultra-Orthodox.

She records that yeshivah students who attend certain of the ultra-Orthodox institutions in Israel freely engage in black market currency exchanges. The editor of the **Jewish Spectator** also singles out an ultra-Orthodox member of the Knesset for special condemnation because of alleged unethical practices.

Throughout her piece Miss Rosmarin is careful to use the term "ultra-Orthodox."

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Jewish mothers might do well to consult the September issue of the Financial Post.

The magazine section contains a fascinating article on stress factors. Contrary to what most people think, success in one's endeavors can produce as much stress as success.

Researcher Dr. John Glebe has created a stress scale that assigns a numerical value to important events in one's life. A combination of any of these stress-moments leading up to an accumulation of 300 points can cause serious illness according to Glebe.

Marriage, even a successful one, can be very dangerous on the stress scale. Glebe accords this change in the life pattern 50 points.

Marriage receives more points than retirement from one's work (45), foreclosure of a mortgage (30) and trouble with the boss (23).

Morale! Take it easy with newly married people. They have enough stress!

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It's a pity that UN members can't get a look at the September **Israel** magazine.

When they get around to discussing the Jerusalem issue it might do them well to see the pictorial record that the magazine has compiled of Jordan's treatment of Jewish holy places in the Old City.

With "before" and "after" photographs the magazine shows the neglect and destruction which the Arabs meted out to Jewish synagogues and cemeteries.

Jordanian officers' billets had gravestones used as pathways. The names of the deceased are clearly visible on the stones. Even in death these souls were denied rest.

Synagogues in the Old City were filled with rubbish of all kinds and even converted into privies.

ISRAEL BOND NEWSMAKERS

HONOR BEN GURION ON 85TH BIRTHDAY

"The Toronto Committee, State of Israel Bonds, has joined with communities throughout North America in special plans to honor David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first Prime Minister, during October and November, on the occasion of his 85th birthday," announced Albert J. Latner, General Campaign Chairman. "Because of the unique relationship which exists between the former Prime Minister and the Israel Bond Drive of which he was the founder 20 years ago, special events in his honor are being scheduled aimed at mobilizing $4 million in cash Bond sales in Toronto over the next 60 days. This, we know, is the best possible tribute our community could pay to the achievements of this great Jewish leader."

CONSUL-GENERAL MEETS BOND LEADERS

The Trustees of the National Honorary Societies of Israel were hosts at a Private Reception at the Primrose Club on September 15th to welcome Israel's newly-appointed Consul-General Jacob Monbaz and Mrs. Monbaz to Toronto. Among leaders in the Bond campaign present at the event were: Left to right, Ben A. Himel, Jerusalem Negev Trustee; Manny Lipman, Golden Trustee; Mrs. Monbaz, Consul-General Jacob Monbaz, Mrs. Lipman, and Lippa Green, Trustee.

SPORTSMEN LODGE GOES ALL-OUT FOR BONDS

The success of the numerous advance events undertaken by Sportsmen Lodge B'nai B'rith point to an outstanding new record in total Bond sales by the date of the Award Dinner on October 23rd, honoring the Hennick brothers, Harry, Irving and Nathan. Dinner Co-Chairman Murray Biback was host at such an advance Reception on September 15th; Nathan Hennick was host for members, and friends on September 27th. Shown here, left to right: Murray Biback, Harry Hennick, Irving Hennick, and Dinner Co-Chairman Murray Ehrlick.

BETH JACOB SYNAGOGUE HOLDS ANNUAL BOND RECEPTION

Beth Jacob Bond Chairman Sam Faivish was host for the annual pre-High Holy Day Appeal Bond Reception held at the synagogue to enroll members in maximum support of the Israel Bond effort, and substantially increase the total figure in loan dollars provided by Beth Jacob synagogue. Left to right: Joseph Rosenthal, Dr. N.W. Shaul, Rabbi Dr. Moses Burak, Sam Faivish and Elias Gefen.

MRS. JEAN ROTENBERG ENROLLS AS TRUSTEE OF ISRAEL

Ambassador Michael Comay, Israel's Ambassador to Great Britain, who was in Toronto recently to address the Sponsor Luncheon of the Women's Division, State of Israel Bonds, personally presented award to Mrs. Jean Rotenberg who enrolled as a Trustee of Israel, joining the top-level group of pace-setters in the Toronto Bond Campaign.

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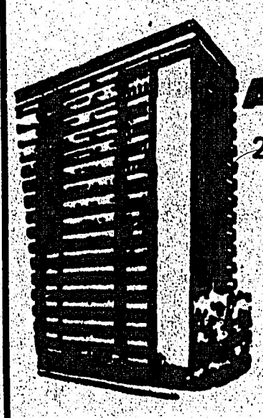

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Editorial page

Narrowing the issues on Congress - Welfare Fund merger

The proposed merger between the Canadian Jewish Congress and the United Jewish Welfare Fund has now become a matter of public discussion rather than a little publicized agenda item under discrete discussion by boards and committees.

Public discussion is however, bound to be emotionally charged and on occasion wide of the mark. If the community is to make a wise decision on the relationship of the two agencies and the future of Congress, we must first narrow the issues; we must separate fact from non-fact, reality from prejudice.

First of all, the issue is not one of "democracy". Opponents of the merger have, in all sincerity, suggested that merger with the Welfare Fund would disenfranchise the bulk of the community. However, the Toronto Community Council proposed by a negotiating committee of the two agencies as a keystone of the merger agreement would be democratically elected, widely representative and certainly every bit as responsive as the structure currently serving Congress.

Nor does the issue involve an internecine battle between Congress and UJWF leadership. Indeed, there are many prominent Congress leaders who favor the merger and believe that this is the only way in which that organization can be preserved and function effectively. Other Congress leaders disagree. Welfare Fund leaders are equally divided on the issue.

There is a touch of demogoguery in the claim that the issue is essentially one of the 'millionaires' versus the 'masses', or the 'intellectual aristocracy' versus the 'financial aristocracy'. The dichotomy is a spurious one and does not reflect the reality of either Welfare Fund or Congress membership. There are millionaires and intellectuals in both camps. Indeed, when one examines the actual roster of names, one finds there are some wealthy intellectuals as well as some rather well-read wealthy serving both organizations. In fact, both organizations have sought to recruit as many bright, capable, educated people as possible regardless of their incomes.

Nor is the issue one of 'personalities' or 'professional rivalry.'

The decision on the merger will be made by lay people representing both organizations, but obviously the professionals also have opinions. In both organizations, they must understandably maintain a low profile since it would not be appropriate for them to take an active part in the discussion.

However, in private conversation some Congress staff people have expressed themselves as favoring the proposal, while others have stated their firm opposition.

The community's exercise in judgment will not be helped by claiming that Congress represents the 'little man' while the Welfare Fund represents the 'establishment'. Nor is there an age division between the organizations, with Congress representing 'youth' and the 'future' while the UJWF represents the doddering over 40's. Unfortunately, attendance at meetings of both organizations hardly suggests a youth wave.

The claim that Congress is somehow more 'Jewish' is hardly worthy of exploration. Both organizations are composed of Jews, support Jewish purposes, serve Israel and support Jewish education.

Welfare Fund supporters understandably object to being described (and in a sense, dismissed) as a 'mere fund raising organization.' They point to a long list of planning functions, services and agencies which are part of the Welfare Fund's program. In recent years, the UJWF has, with increasing frequency, moved into areas of service which Congress, because of its limited budget, could not undertake. Finally, the marriage of a fund raising organization and a community council is not in itself objectionable. It may produce a new hybrid, much more vigorous than either of the parent organizations.

Now that the issues have been narrowed, the community must still ask itself the following questions:

1. How can Congress best be preserved in order to continue to provide the valuable community services it has historically performed?

2. How can duplication of function and the resulting waste of community funds best be avoided?

3. How can the community best avoid the frictions and disagreements that grow as the result of the jurisdictional disputes that occur on the boundaries of competing services?

These are the real issues. These are the matters to which the great community debate should be addressed.

Militancy and restraint

Soviet Prime Minister Kosygin will arrive in Ottawa on October 18 for a brief visit to Canada. Throughout his stay, wherever he goes, the Kremlin leader will meet with "intense and concerted action" organized by the Action Committee for Soviet Jewry in order to impress on him the concern of Canada's Jews for their Soviet brethren.

Mass rallies, outdoor demonstrations, vigils, law seminars and marches will be held in Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal. The Action Committee is serving as the coordinating agency and all community groups are urged to lend it full cooperation.

Hopefully the demonstrations will be so massive that they will compel Mr. Kosygin to recognize that the fate of Soviet Jewry is a matter of world concern and cannot be relegated to the status of an internal bureaucratic problem of the U.S.S.R.

The demonstrations that will greet the Russian leader should also underline the tremendous courage and self-sacrifice of those Soviet Jews who, in announcing their desire to leave the Soviet Union and emmigrate to Israel have exposed themselves to discrimination and punishment by the Soviet government. The demonstrations should dramatize the miracle of the rebirth of Jewish identity in the U.S.S.R. after 50 years of harrassment and persecution. The demonstrations should illuminate the spiritual strength of a minority group which created its own revival and offered its own challenge to the juggernaut administration which has crushed millions of its own people.

Such courage demands a full response from all of us. In recent years the adult community, although proud of the concern and energy displayed by our university youth on behalf of Soviet Jewry has also managed to evade its own obligation to participate. It is to be hoped that thousands of adults will join in the coming month's activities. It cannot be left to college students alone to express the community's concern.

External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp has asked for restraint on the part of the Jewish community. He has implied that Prime Minister Trudeau, during his visit to the Soviet Union in May, recognized that a dignified appeal based on humanitarian principles is most effective in arousing a positive response in Russia's leaders. This supports the findings of Professor Alan Pollack of the University of Pittsburgh, an internationally recognized expert in the analysis of Kremlin beheaviour, who explains that Soviet leaders see themselves and want to be recognized as men of deep humanitarian impulses.

Finally, any evidence of competition between organizations to seize the publicity spotlight for themselves will serve only organizational purposes, not Soviet Jewry. Competitive displays of militancy or a compulsion by the members of one group or another to prove that they love Jews more than anyone else will distort the nature of the demonstrations and endanger their success.

The lives of our brothers in the Soviet Union are at stake. Those lives must be our first concern. In order not to add to their danger our efforts must be organized, massive, meaningful — and disciplined.

An Israeli Air Force Stratocruiser lies scattered across the dead sands of the Sinai desert after being shot down by an Egyptian SAM 2 missile. Seven lives were lost in the tragedy, only one member of the crew escaping.

Where and how Egypt can mount attack in fourth war

by John Gellner

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat has said repeatedly that he is not prepared to permit the present stalemate to continue beyond the end of this year. He will not allow the 1967 armistice lines to become de facto borders. Since Israel is not likely to budge unless there is an over-all settlement ensuring its security, any change in the status quo would have to be brought about by force.

Assuming then that the Egyptian threats can be taken seriously, the question arises of where an attack can be mounted, and how.

The Egyptians do not appear to have the capability for wide-ranging amphibious operations. The possibility of an assault across the Red Sea can be thus discounted absolutely, and one on the Mediterranean coast almost certainly. In the latter case there would not be — except for the Rumani inlet which is easily defensible — suitable landing beaches until one comes to El Arish, some 100 miles from the Canal and uncomfortably close to a number of Israeli airfields.

This leaves the Suez Canal front. Here, too, the choices an attacker has are limited. Between the Mediterranean and El Quantara there are great expanses of marshland on both sides of the canal. It would be difficult to mount an assault there. South of Ismailia the waterway widens considerably as it passes through a series of lakes. At its southernmost extremity it is also overlooked by high ground on the eastern bank, from which the defenders would have to be cleared first before a crossing in strength could be attempted.

It seems then that what the Israeli Command has principally to worry about is the stretch of about 20 miles between El Quantara and Ismailia. The value of the Canal as a military obstacle has been vastly exaggerated. There is little doubt that the Egyptians could force a crossing in a surprise attack and could establish a bridgehead on the east bank. They possess the full range of Soviet amphibious armored vehicles. Special units have been observed practicing river crossings — and the Nile is a much more formidable anti-tank ditch than the canal. Egyptian (or Soviet, or Soviet-Egyptian) surface-to-air missiles could assure at least temporary and local air superiority at the crossing point and over the bridgehead.

The problem for the Egyptian Command would not be so much the immediate operations — getting across the canal — as the sustained operations that would have to follow. These would unfold outside the range of the missiles, in the Sinai desert, in conditions of virtually no cover. It is more than doubtful that, despite all the training they may have got from the Russians in these past four years, the Egyptians would be capable of engaging the Israeli forces successfully in mobile warfare. Yet, unless the crossings were followed immediately by a determined offensive through the Sinai Peninsula, the bridgehead itself could not be held. This is the experience of all crossings of water obstacles, of which there were many in the Second World War.

The Israelis can thus trust themselves to throw back an Egyptian attack, though not because, as so many people blithely assume, the Egyptian (and generally the Arab) armed forces are contemptible, but because any attempt to breach decisively the present armistice lines would be wrought with extraordinary difficulties. Where they stand now, the Israelis hold most of the tactical trumps.

What would have to worry the Israelis greatly would be the very fact that an assault was attempted. Assuming that the Egyptians will abide by their treaty with the Soviet Union, including the all-important consultation clause — and there is not the slightest reason to believe that they will not — such an attack would mean that Moscow had fully committed itself to help the Arabs to achieve what they demand, by violence if necessary. This would be very serious. It could make any fourth round of the Middle East war quite a different proposition — in the short term, but especially in its wider implications — from the three earlier rounds.

John Gellner is editor of the Canadian Defence Quarterly.

ask the rabbi

Halacha on Intercourse and Illegitimacy

1. If two unmarried Jewish people have sexual intercourse, does this make them married in the eyes of the rabbis? If a child is born is it illegitimate?

RESPONSE:

Contrary to what seems to be generally assumed, if two unmarried Jewish people have sexual intercourse this does not make them married in the eyes of the rabbis. The common misunderstanding is probably based on a false view of what the Mishna (Kiddushin 1, 1) means when it rules that intercourse effects a marriage. The Mishna means, in fact, that this is only so if the act is performed by both parties with the clear intention of effecting by it a valid marriage. It is analogous to the other method of effecting a marriage (recorded in the same Mishna) the delivery of an object of value (nowadays, a ring) to the bride. Unless this is given expressly for the purpose of effecting a marriage it obviously has no validity. (Incidentally, the famous Babylonian teacher, Rab, is said to have administered a flogging to people who used the method of intercourse to effect a marriage, Kiddushin 12b, and the method has totally disappeared from Jewish life.)

Another Mishna (Gittin 8, 9) rules that if a man divorced his wife and she then lodged with him in an inn, a second divorce would be required because it can be assumed that rather than have illicit intercourse they would make it licit by cohabiting in order to effect a marriage. But here, too, there is the assumption of explicit intention.

It is ridiculous to suggest that an act of fornication would itself constitute a valid marriage. Indeed, many contemporary authorities rule that even a civil marriage is invalid in Jewish law on the grounds that while the couple do live together as man and wife there has been no explicit intention to consummate the marriage as kiddushin (marriage in Jewish law).

As for your second question, a child born out of wedlock is not illegitimate in Jewish law. In reality, there is no such concept as illegitimacy of a child in Jewish law. The mamzer (with all the anguish this can cause as we have recently witnessed) may not marry a non-mamzer but otherwise he is the legitimate child of his natural father (Mishna, Yevamot 2, 5). A mamzer is defined (Mishna, Kiddushin 3, 12) as the issue of an adulterous or incestuous union so that a child born out of wedlock, where this does not apply, is not a mamzer.

So the answer to both your questions is, No.

2. Must the Sabbath candles be placed on the dinner table on Friday night?

RESPONSE:

It is certainly customary to place the candles on the festive table, but it is not necessary. As the candlesticks are muktza (may not be touched or moved) on the Sabbath it would, in fact, be preferable to place them on a separate table or sideboard in the dining room to obviate the temptation of moving them to clear the table.

letters to the editor

Criticizes fellow rabbi calling for 'open religious society'

Dear Editor:

Rabbi Emanuel Forman (Yihyeh Tov: Sept. 17) may have more to tell us about contemporary Hebrew than about the state of religion in Israel today.

Rabbi Forman is right in asserting that Israel's religious problems cannot be solved by importing Western forms of religious life. The simple reason for this is that, notwithstanding outward appearances, which confuse structures with institutions, these forms are no more successful in their lands, than is the present day religious structure in Israel. (A small Israeli "shteebl" may contain more religious commitment than one or several million-dollar congregations.

Rabbi Forman could not be more in error in suggesting that the terms "religious" and "non-religious" are "rendered somewhat meaningless in the Israeli context." On the contrary, they are that much more pronounced. If Jews in Israel can abandon the faith, certainly Jews in the West are justified in doing so. If Jews in Israel seek total assimilation within secular Western culture, certainly the Jew in the West is justified in doing so. Our acknowledged obsession with Israel reflects the certain awareness that the total spiritual destiny of our people (and there is no other ultimate goal worth bothering about) is being worked out in Israel.

Rabbi Forman's call for "an open religious society possessing sensitivities which cut across denominational lines" is a very curious statement. In view of the failure (though not apparent) of our Western forms of religion, would he — as he would have to logically — espouse the same solution in our society? In such a case, his constituents, and colleagues, would recognize nothing less than his resignation from the orthodox fold.

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Opinion

"Judaization" issue

Jordan resolution passed at U.N.

by W. Gunther Plaut

At this writing the Jordanian resolution calling on Israel to desist from further development of Jerusalem and declaring "invalid" her annexation of East Jerusalem and those activities flowing directly from it, has been passed at the United Nations. How the United States was persuaded to back the Jordanian proposal in its present (though somewhat watered down form) is a story in itself. Today this column will restrict itself to giving some background to those questions most frequently asked and which are most likely to be dealt with in the public press during the coming weeks.

Claim: Jerusalem was not a "Jewish city" and therefore, especially in view of its importance to the major religions, must not become one.

Comment: According to the Encyclopedia Brittanica the Jewish population of Jerusalem in 1844 was 7,120, compared with 5,000 Moslems and 3,390 Christians. Fifty years later, the Jews were an absolute majority in Jerusalem; in 1948 the population was: 100,000 Jews, 40,000 Moslems, 25,000 Christians.

Claim: The special historic character of Jerusalem demands internationalization, and the UN resolution of November 1947 also projected it.

Comment: Israel agreed to internationalization prior to the establishment of the state. Jerusalem would have been internationalized had the Arabs accepted the U.S. proposal. Instead, Jordan occupied and annexed Jerusalem in the war of 1948, an act which never once drew the reproof of the august world body. By 1967 Jordan had destroyed and desecrated 35 synagogues as well as the Jewish cemetery. Not once did any international body political or religious, raise its voice to protest these outrages nor the inability of Jews to visit the Western Wall. For the first time free access to all religious sites is now assured, and no responsible international body has really doubted the willingness or the ability of the Israelis to guarantee the sacred places. The claim of other religions to the holiness of Jerusalem has been, and is recognized. Israel has also not ruled out that some of these places might receive extra territorial status, which is to say, that certain parts of Jerusalem might become de facto internationalized.

Claim: Since 1967 the city government of Teddy Kollek has systematically undertaken to drive Christians from the city.

Comment: Between 1949 and 1967, when the old city was under Jordanian occupation, the Christian population of Jerusalem dropped from over 25,000 to something less than 11,000. After 1967 under Jewish rule, the Christian population has in fact risen to 12,000. It might be mentioned also that the overall Christian population of Israel has tripled since the establishment of the state.

Claim: The development plan for Jerusalem foresees complete "Judaization" of the city.

Comment: The development plan foresees no such thing. For 1985 the plan foresees 295,000 Jews and 105,000 non-Jews (approximately the present ratio), while for the metropolitan Jerusalem area the forecast is for an almost equal distribution of population.

Claim: The Roman Catholic Church must have had some reason to warn against the "Judaization of Jerusalem."

Comment: The Vatican has made no official statement to this effect, but the Osservatore Romano in its May 22-23 issue did issue the warning. On the other hand, today's leading Catholic theologian, German scholar Father Karl Rahmer, writes that he sees no theological reason for denying Jews sovereignty over the city; and the National Coalition of American Nuns on Sept. 12 expressed strong support of the current status of Jerusalem under Israeli control opposing any possible internationalization of the Holy City. One may nonetheless suspect that there is a latent inability of the official Catholic as well as Protestant religious bodies to come to terms with the existence of Israel and with the continued vitality of the Jewish people. Until these Church bodies face up to that essential theological self-examination, they will continue to wander in the no-man's land of political surrealism.

Canadian Jewish Congress

'The greatness has fallen away'

by Donald Carr
President of the United Jewish Welfare Fund

This is the first of a three part series of articles by Donald Carr on this issue. The next article will appear next week. It will discuss the allegation that the Welfare Fund is primarily a fund-raising organization.

When the self-styled Committee to Save Canadian Jewish Congress launched its campaign, I thought it inappropriate for me to engage in public argument with them. Because I was and am one of the prime movers of the proposed Toronto Jewish Community Council of the Canadian Jewish Congress, I clearly had a vested interest in the question under discussion. Because I am the President of the United Jewish Welfare Fund, it would appear that anything I said was the official view of the Welfare Fund. To that end, therefore, I refrained from commenting upon their open letter. To that end, I stayed away from their meetings – both the one they called for leaders of organizations and the "mass meeting" called for September 23.

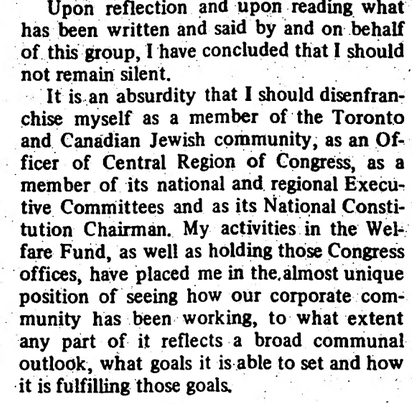
Upon reflection and upon reading what has been written and said by and on behalf of this group, I have concluded that I should not remain silent.

It is an absurdity that I should disenfranchise myself as a member of the Toronto and Canadian Jewish community, as an Officer of Central Region of Congress, as a member of its national and regional Executive Committees and as its National Constitution Chairman. My activities in the Welfare Fund, as well as holding those Congress offices, have placed me in the almost unique position of seeing how our corporate community has been working, to what extent any part of it reflects a broad communal outlook, what goals it is able to set and how it is fulfilling those goals.

Congress challenged

Being at the center of all of these activities, I and others have felt the frustrating hours at committee tables, experiencing such impossible tasks as unravelling who speaks for the community on which subjects, who reflects the real needs of the "amcha" and whose set of priorities really has primacy. And – above all – we have participated in fruitless efforts at implementing much-needed and long-overdue programs, to be thwarted by petty institutional pride and empire-building.

Concurrently came the realization that the greatness which was the Canadian Jewish Congress has fast fallen away. It is true that the image of a strong central spokesman for Canadian Jewry with its finger on the pulse of the community is projected outside of Canada. It is, however, really an illusion. Canadian Jewry is not what it was 50 years,



Donald Carr, Q.C.

Archie Bennett, Julius Hayman, David Newman. "The merger will inevitably alienate the youth,"
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nor 30 years ago. Its dynamism has outstripped the national organization and if that organization continues with "business as usual," it will no longer have the right to speak for Canadian Jewry, even in the limited fields of government representation or community relations (and who is not aware that its right even in those fields is being challenged by the FZOC and B'nai B'rith). Those who do not see this are either blind to change or permit the warm comfort of nostalgia to block their view of Congress.

In Welfare Fund circles – quite apart from any question of the position of Congress – several years ago the leaders realized that a more democratic structure was necessary. It was agreed that broader segments of the community had to participate in decision making. It was accepted that communal "money-management" and community planning was not the privilege of a few, but was the right of the entire community. Notwithstanding the fact that the Welfare Fund officers and board are elected annually at a meeting to which every UJA contributor is invited, that franchise had been exercised in the past by very few. It became necessary to involve more people and more organizations.

Community Council

To this end, By-law 100 was passed by the Welfare Fund's Executive Committee, its Board of Directors, and by its annual meeting in 1967. Under it, the community became a part of the Welfare Fund through individual membership and also through organizational membership in a Council, duly elected by the general community and by those organizations which became members. The Council, in turn, elected a board and the board elected officers. The hope was that there would be greater involvement through debate and discussion at the level of the Council and that the educational and social service planning for the community, the establishment of priorities and the implementation of progressive programs would be closer to the people.

All three of the foregoing circumstances flowed together – the ideal of a democratic Council of Toronto Jewry, the need for a single organization responsive to and responsible to the broad community and the strengthening of the Canadian Jewish Congress so that it would, in truth, act as a spokesman for the community and fulfil a unique position in western Jewry.

The Welfare Fund in its annual meeting suspended from year to year the operation of By-law 100 and the senior officers of both organizations started to explore the possibilities. The Toronto Jewish Community Council of the Canadian Jewish Congress became the result of those explorations and negotiations. To place such proposals before the larger bodies of the Welfare Fund and Congress or before the broader community, before something concrete could be evolved would have been premature and, if any progress was to be made, irresponsible. No formulation of difficult concepts and no technical organizational data has ever been successfully propounded in the first instance in large public groupings. Leaders of governments, clubs, organizations and communities have to devise proposals and once developed and refined, those proposals have to be placed before the constituency for explanation, debate, negotiation and, hopefully, for confirmation.

The "Committee"

I now turn to the "Committee to Save the Canadian Jewish Congress."

The proposal of the Community Council came before a meeting of the Regional Executive Committee of Congress about a year ago. As a result of what they now admit as a "vigorous campaign" the opponents of the proposal – substantially this same "Committee" – managed to have the proposal rejected by a vote of 14 to 12. The matter was referred back to the Officers of the Central Region of Congress for further exploration.

Some of those known to have different views on community organization were invited to sit with the original negotiating committee, have attended many formal and informal meetings and have engaged in debate on its merits and pitfalls. The "opposition" was asked, recently, to sit on a national Congress Task Force set up by the National Officers of Congress to explore new ways and means of revitalizing Congress. To that end, Joe Salsberg, David Newman and David Satok have all at different times and over many, many months been involved in "dialogue" on this matter. That the question should be scheduled to be on the community agenda again should not – indeed does not – come as a horrendous surprise to those gentlemen.

False issues

Opposing views on basic community matters demonstrate a healthy, vibrant community and should be welcomed. The opponents of the Community Council concept are, in my view, wrong. But they have every right (and even an obligation) to maintain their points of view and to try and persuade others to think likewise – and they need nobody's permission or approval to do so.

What they have no right to do is distort facts or raise false issues.

They have done both of these.

Their very battlecry of "Save Congress" and "Keep Congress Free" is calculated to appeal to emotion, not reason.

They do not tell their audiences that the election process of the Toronto Jewish Community Council is virtually the same as the present Congress process – they call the Community Council undemocratic.

They do not present any details of the proposal, or even a brief outline of it – they condemn it as a take-over of Congress by the Welfare Fund.

They do not tell their audiences that the Toronto Jewish Community Council will relegate what is now the Welfare Fund to being just one of ten committees – but talk of domination by those with special fund-raising skills.

Wealthy vs. intellectuals?

They call the Welfare Fund leaders wealthy, and Congress the intellectuals – they do not admit that many leaders are in both organizations (some of whom – like me – are neither wealthy nor intellectuals!). They do not publish the fact that 51 members of the Regional Council of Congress also happen to be on the Board of Directors of the Welfare Fund and that 37 of them are on its Executive Committee.

They loudly proclaim the impending destruction of Congress because its national character will be destroyed – omitting to state that many national leaders of Congress (from outside Toronto) look with favor upon the Community Council proposal and see in it the only hope for a revitalized flourishing Congress with roots in the community.

They raise the spectre of similar Community Councils in Montreal, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Ottawa, Hamilton and Windsor if Toronto gets one – not realizing or not caring that Community Councils have been very effective for some time in Windsor, Ottawa, Hamilton, London, Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatoon, Regina and Halifax.

Uncle Eliezer wants the 'plain facts' of the Congress-Welfare Fund issue

My uncle Eliezer long ago proclaimed himself as the "average Jew in the community." Like Napoleon Bonaparte he placed that crown of uniqueness upon his head with his own hands. He is the "average Jew" and that's that.

So he pounced upon me with complaints: "First you people discuss this thing about Congress and Welfare Fund behind the scenes for a long time; finally The Canadian Jewish News brings it all into the open; then some of you begin writing about it; but you all write in a way the average Jew can't understand. Can't you write in plain English and give the plain facts of the whole situation?"

Knowing that my uncle is more often right than not I readily agree to try. Here is my effort, uncle.

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Before Congress the Jewish community spoke with a babble of tongues. Every national, social, cultural or political movement presumed to speak and act on behalf of all the Jews. Often, conspicuous individuals or politicians did the same.

The founders of Congress were of course aware of the deep-going social, economic, religious and cultural differences within our ranks. They recognized the legitimacy of such diverse, and often conflicting, interests, beliefs and dedications. They aimed at a unified Jewish community expression for all areas of common interest and an instrument that will advance the shared objectives of the entire community at home.

With all its faults, the Canadian Jewish Congress won the trust and confidence of all major groupings in the community. The **folks mentshen** in particular, those whom my uncle calls "the average Jews," feel at home with Congress. Let no one under estimate this tremendous asset.

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The Welfare Fund, too, came into being to eliminate a chaotic condition in our midst; the chaos on the fund raising front.

Every day of the year was fund raising day. The competition was fierce and self destructive. A central fund raising instrumentality was urgently needed and the United Jewish Welfare Fund came into being to fulfill a much needed role in the community.

At a later date, when Israel's needs became paramount, a new, coordinating partnership was struck. The United Jewish Appeal came into being. It combined the appeals for Israel with those of the Welfare Fund. The UJA discharges its task in a generally satisfactory manner.

After each annual UJA campaign the United Israel Appeal receives its share – the largest share by far of the total – and the Welfare Fund receives its share for distribution to all local as well as certain international Jewish relief agencies and institutions. So far so good.

Friction started on the home front. Since Welfare Fund budgets are the sum totals of all local educational needs, of Regional Congress needs and of the needs of other institutions a new relationship developed. The Welfare Fund became the "giver" and all the others – who formerly conducted their own financial campaigns – became the "receivers". It is here where the serpent entered the Garden of Eden . . .

With the greatest respect to the people who give of themselves in the leadership of Welfare Fund (and some of them are also active in Congress) it is inevitable – in our imperfect world – that the "giver" should begin to consider himself not only competent but also duty boundy to tell the "receiver" how much he really needs and how to live "within his means." The giver also often presumes to determine what, in his opinion, is really good for this or that component of the community or given institution. (The heads of our educational and other institutions have much to say about this development.) In short the power to grant or withhold funds becomes a powerful instrument in the making of policy for the community.

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What has been said until now, uncle Eliezer, will perhaps explain what I meant (last week) when I suggested that while a department of finance is necessary in government it cannot replace the duties and responsibilities of government, and, above everything, it cannot replace parliament. Each has its place but the primacy of Parliament (Congress) must remain.

In all fairness, though, there is a wee bit more to be said in favor as well as against both Congress and Welfare Fund. But I have run out of space, my dear uncle, so I shall plead with the editor for one more and, hopefully, final chance to deal with this very important matter. Have patience, uncle Eliezer, have patience.

Toronto Hebrew teachers are showing keen interest in seminars sponsored by the Board of Jewish Education in conjunction with the United Synagogue Council. Recently more than 40 teachers were in attendance at two such seminars. Mansoor Alyeshmerni (second from right) of the University of Minnesota lectured in one seminar on the ulpan technique in teaching modern Hebrew utilizing various audio visual aids. With him are Michael Tova, Tova Wass and Rumack Markovzki.

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Spied for Egypt, man in trunk now actor

by Moshe Ron

Not long ago, Mordechai Look, who became famous as the man the Egyptians attempted to kidnap him from Rome to Cairo, in a trunk left the Israeli prison in Ramle.

He was sentenced by an Israeli Court to 10 years in prison for spying for Egypt and was released after serving only six years due to his exemplary behaviour.

His new occupation has caused a sensation among Israeli artistic circles. He was accepted by the well-known director and actor of the Haifa Theatre, Josef Milo, and will soon appear on the stage in Shimon Israeli's play Joy in the Harbour.

Look worked for six years as manager of the library in the Ramle prison. He also organised a group of prisoners interested in the theatre. They appeared in three plays. One of these was attended by the first lady of the Israeli theatre, Hana Rovina, who was so impressed by Look's acting, that she invited him to join the National Theatre—Habima—after serving his prison sentence.

How did he become entangled with the Egyptian espionage network? One day, 10 years ago, he had a family quarrel. He became very angry and went to a football game at the Ramat Gan stadium between Israel and Brazil. He bought a newspaper and saw a picture in it of seven Israelis who had crossed the Egyptian border and were transferred to Europe. This gave him an idea. He crossed the border in Gaza, was arrested and brought to a military prison in Cairo.

It was a horrible time. He was frequently beaten up and had to stay in a small, narrow cell without sanitary conditions. Three times he tried to commit suicide. His only thoughts centered around the question of how to get out of this hell. When in hospital he asked for a meeting with a high official, he expressed his readiness to go on a mission to Europe. He was transferred to a villa where he lived under good conditions and passed a course in espionage. After this course he was sent to Europe by plane.

It was in July 1963. He spent 10 days in Germany and afterwards went to Naples. Here he decided to play cat and mouse with the Egyptian espionage service. This lasted for 18 months. He wanted to gain time. The Egyptians asked him to enlist Israelis in Italy and other European centres for their espionage service. He was, according to his statement, unwilling to do anything for them. He told the Egyptians that he first had to be established in Italy as an Italian citizen with a passport.

In the meantime, he started a private business and sold watches, transistor radios and jewellery in Italian villages. One day he decided to visit his brother in Paris. The Egyptians warned him that they would kill him if he did not cooperate with them in their espionage work. "We are paying you for 18 months", they said to him. "You are living on our allowances and you do nothing for us".

Fifteen days after Look's return from Paris, the Egyptian intelligence service in Italy decided to kidnap him. Look did not know anything about these intentions. As he was leaving the Villa Borghese in Rome, a car stopped and three men dragged him by force into the car, which sped in the direction of the Egyptian Embassy. Look felt that this was the end for him.

In the embassy, he was told that he would be sent back to Cairo to report. Look understood that if he were sent back to Cairo, he would be lost.

It was Nov. 16, 1965. He was tired and fell asleep. Suddenly, he realized that the Egyptians had given him an injection. His hands tied with rope he was put into a big trunk. Later he was told by the Italian police that the Egyptians used such trunks to transfer dead bodies. There was a smell of the graveyard in the trunk. Look made a maximum effort to stay awake. He tried to loosen the rope and succeeded in getting free, but the trunk was sealed. He waited until he heard the roar of planes and was sure that he had been brought to the airport in order to be transported to Cairo.

When Look felt that he was moved on the escalator at the customs authority, he moved the trunk with all his force and shouted: "Help, help, murderers, Egyptian diplomats!" He shouted at the top of his voice. The Italian Customs official, very much astonished to hear shouting from the diplomatic trunk, was as pale as a dead man.

A few dreadful moments passed. Suddenly the trunk opened. Look saw himself in an Italian police office. He told his story and asked for political asylum, which was granted to him.

He was given a few days time to decide whether he wished to return to his wife and three children in Israel.

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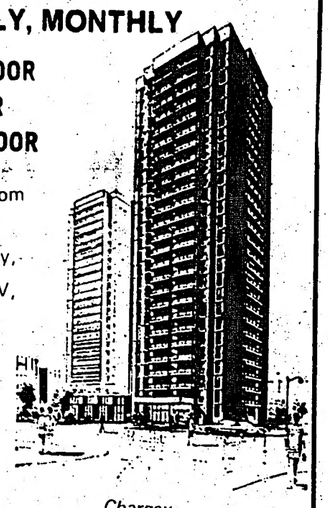

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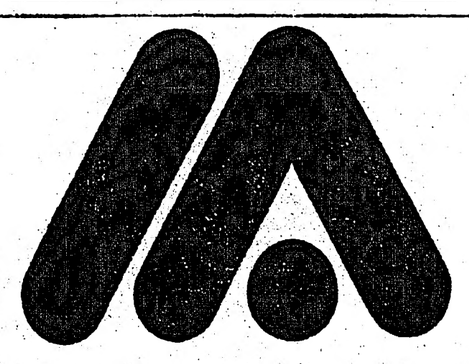

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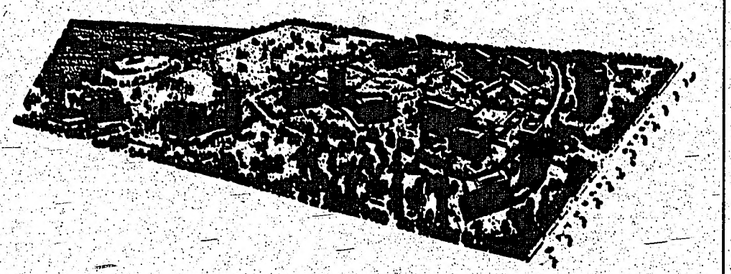

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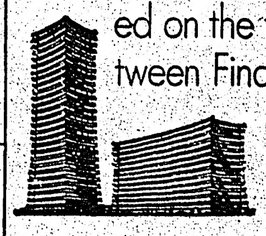

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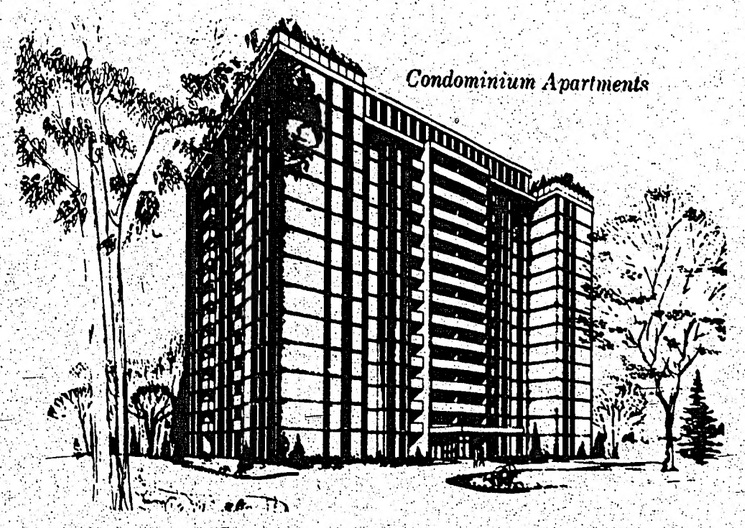

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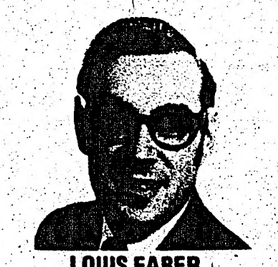

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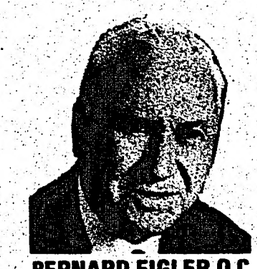

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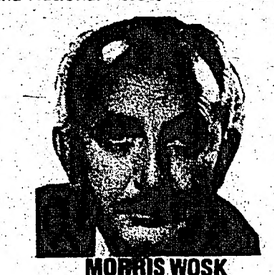

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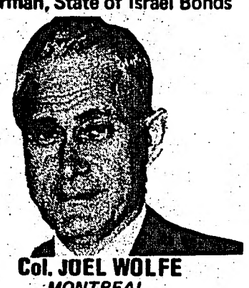

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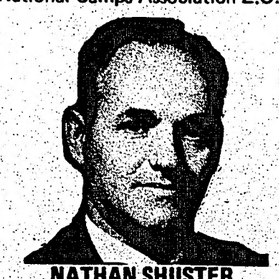

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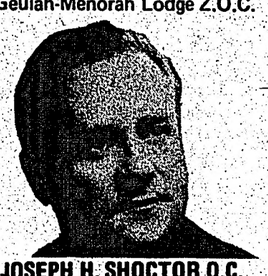

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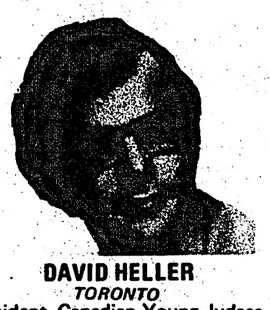

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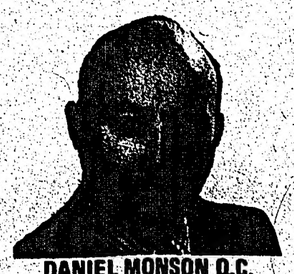

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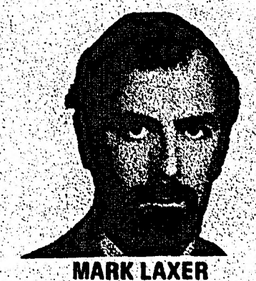

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Photo Essay

Toronto Jewish youth encounter Israel Describe conflict in life style

by Judy Platt

"Israelis are trying to copy the American way of life, while the Americans are trying to get away from it," stated one Toronto high schooler, recently returned from a summer trip to Israel. He also expressed his surprise that the Israeli youth heroes are the soldier and the American rock star - a value combination foreign to his kind of North American Jewish youth.

Similarly, Elka Sokoloff of Toronto was startled at the unfamiliar sight of Israeli soldiers, "who carried their guns like ladies carry their purses," dancing at the local variety of discotheques to the anti-war music spawned by contemporary American culture.

This summer Israel was inundated by a record-breaking flow of tourists - and Toronto Jewish youth were well represented.

One former day school student suffered mild culture shock when the family she stayed with served blintzes and sour cream instead of chicken and soup for Friday night supper, and spent Saturday at the beach even though no public transportation is allowed.

Another high schooler who visited the development town of Beth Shemesh recalls his disappointment at not being able to identify with the North African Jews there as Jews. Having happened to witness a rumble between rival gangs, he admits that he feels "more Jewish among Jews in Toronto."

Conversely, the Israelis (even when they wear American jeans!") have difficulty identifying with the long hair and youth culture life-style of young Canadian Jews, as one young man discovered when he found himself for an hour defending his appearance to a rapidly growing crowd at Dizengoff Circle in Tel Aviv.

Teenage groups like the one Lawrence Casse was with get to experience Israel in a visceral way that adults can't; by scaling a canyon in the Sinai wilderness, snorkeling at Eilat, climbing to a secluded mountain top Crusader fortress, walking through a wadi and picking fruits - mentioned in the Bible, and following a path in the Golan Heights past burnt-out hulks of Syrian tanks to swim at a hidden natural spring.

"We get to feel more at home than the average tourist," said Danny Berlin, who helped organize an unscheduled three-day cross-country trip in the Judean hills for his group.

Josie Zaldin fed chickens and collected eggs with her new-found Yemenite friends at a moshav. "It was one of the best parts of the trip; we really got to know the people by working and living with them. Before that we had just passed them in the streets and dealt with them in the stores."

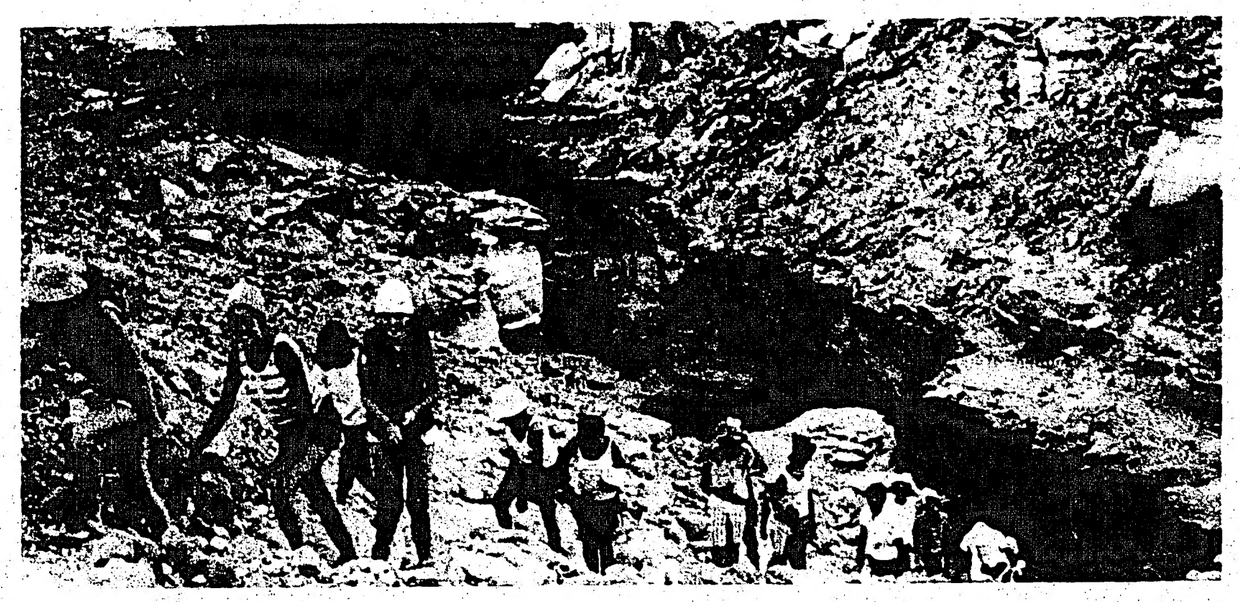
Another group uncovered coins and pottery fragments, digging at an archaeological site near the Western Wall. "It was very, very, very hard work," Millard Lerman, who participated in the dig, stressed, "but interesting. We covered from the third century C.E. to the seventh century B.C.E. in a few days!"

"You have to get off the beaten tourist path, getting around by hitching and local buses, staying at beaches, parks, people's homes," argued Kenny Orenstein, "in order to really get to know Israel!"

All the students also stressed the importance of knowing Hebrew in breaking down the cultural barriers, even though most Israelis know "enough English to let you get by in English."

"Israelis resent Americans, but that begins to disappear when they find you know Hebrew," said one girl, who was pleased at the results of her day-school Hebrew. Wendy Balshin seemed to summarize the experience of many of the group participants in saying, "I got to love the country, the land, but not the people - yet. I can't wait to go back."

Perhaps next year she'll agree with a second-time visitor who travelled this time on his own and found, as he enthusiastically exclaimed, "the people are the greatest in the world!" So he too can't wait to go back. Judging by the response of these young people, next year's number of students visiting Israel will top even this year's record.



Living

A minimal image joins an undecipherable potential

by Sol I. Littman

Avram Isaacs has made such a great contribution to Canadian art that one feels guilty for being negative about one of his shows. However the display of photographs and other minor works by John Greer should be over by the time this review appears, and therefore will not hurt sales.

Isaacs has displayed rare courage in the past in exhibiting the work of young, unknown artists. A considerable number have developed national reputations as a result of exposure gained through his gallery. He should therefore be praised for his willingness to risk showing the work of a young Maritimer who offers a series of puzzling photographs.

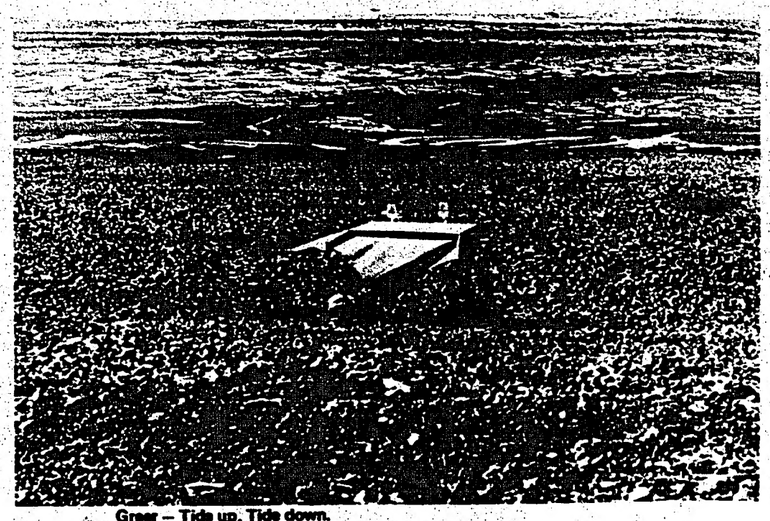
We're going through a period in which we are involved with a whole series of minimals. There is minimal sculpture, minimal art, minimal image, minimal text and all too frequently, the minimum of an idea.

Greer in an interview suggested that his show is not essentially an exhibit of photographs. "The idea is the important thing; the photographs are just to illustrate the idea."

Greer insists that he's trying to get away from educated esthetics, back to some sort of basic natural esthetic. Greer talked of avoiding a single point of view in reaching for a multiplicity of points of view.

Curiously, in view of Greer's rather limited ability to express himself in words, he feels that words are important and complement his pictures. "It is not just an image art," he explained.

The gallery program quotes Greer as saying "I feel people perceive all things from different points of view. One shouldn't rely on any one point of view too strongly, because points of view are fluid." Unfortunately, in the case of Greer, the absence of any point of view seems more obvious than the fluidity.



Greer – Tide up, Tide down.
One of a series of photos taken at the Bay of Fundy, Nova Scotia.

the galleries

One of the major works in the exhibit is a whole series of snapshots of people saying "cheese". The idea might be interesting, except that the photographs are still primitive snapshots and offer nothing special in the way of portraiture.

The best work in the show is the self-portrait of Greer. He's a nice-looking young man with a beard, an earnest manner and an undecipherable potential.

The show includes one work entitled **The Point of View** which consists of three separate pictures of a grey, clouded sky, a rainy day highway and some pebbles on a beach. None of them are interesting in themselves and they're not at all improved for being placed together.

The **Wave on the Water** series of photographs show two men pointing at a rather small and insignificant wave. Greer is obviously intrigued with the fact that each man sees his own wave. From this he attempts to establish some justification for the vagueness and emptiness of his work.

The final feeling one gets on a closer examination of the Greer show and considerable self examination to avoid doing a superficial dismissal job is that there just isn't much in the show. It's all a great big shrug of "so what!"

However, Avram Isaacs continues to be a brave and generous man!

The German-Jewish experience

Germans & Jews by George L. Mosse
Grosset and Dunlap 260 pp.

book review

by Arnold Ages

Salo Baron, the eminent Jewish historian said in a **Midstream** piece several years ago that it takes the Jews approximately 40 years to recover from national catastrophes. Not until then are they capable of reflecting unemotionally on the disaster in question.

A case in point is the European holocaust, which only now, some 30 years after the event, is slowly becoming the subject of intense research and meditation among Jews.

As for the specific instance of Jews and Germany there is still scanty material on this theme emanating from Jewish scholars. (An exception might be the annual publications of the Leo Baeck Institute in London, England.)

George L. Mosse's **Germans and Jews** will be, henceforth, one of those books that will become obligatory reading for Jews who wish to probe the meaning of the German-Jewish experience. His book examines the scope of the anti-Semitism that infected the German people.

The author specifically rejects the theories of Hannah Arendt and others who have argued that German anti-Semitism was able to gain its powerful momentum because it was combined with a political issue which brought Jews into conflict with a major class in society.

By surveying the popular German literature in both the 19th and 20th centuries Mosse shows how anti-Semitism was an integral part of the larger German cultural scene.

German literature, he contends, created the stereotypic image of the Jew. Describing the novels of German writers such as von Polenz, Dahn, Freytag, Riehl and others, Mosse illustrates the way in which German authors, even those with "liberal" tendencies, fell prey to the basest anti-Semitic characterizations.

That anti-Semitism, according to the author, was a product of Germany's ideal of the **Volk**. This concept included the conviction that there was a German folk-soul that incarnated all that was beautiful, true and spiritual in the German people.

This folk-soul, argued the German nationalists, had been destroyed by the materialism and industrialization of the Reich. It could be regained only through a return to the simple rural life.

A doctrine which emphasized the mystical element in the German soul naturally had to exclude all non-Germanic people in general – and the Jews in particular.

By the 20's of the present century the Jews, in the mind of the Germans, had become the direct antithesis of the German folk idea. Instead of the pure, spiritual group which was identified as the German ideal, the Jews became the symbol of all that was impure, materialistic and non-spiritual in life.

To this point Mosse's presentation is recognizable to those who have studied the rise of German anti-Semitism. It is well structured but not entirely original.

Mosse's originality comes in the second portion of his book where he describes the effects of that folk emphasis on Jews. He feels that German-speaking Jews were deeply touched by the yearnings of the German people for a folk identity.

The result was an intensification of Jewish sentiment among important segments of German Jews. Mosse points to the activity of the Prague Maccabiah society – a group of Czech-Jewish writers (which included Hugo Bergman and Kafka unofficially) – in order to exemplify the new sense of peoplehood that Jews experienced as a direct result of the German folk concept.

Among the most interesting aspects to **Germans and Jews** is Mosse's explanation of the weakness of the German left during the years of Hitler's rise to power.

Despite the fact that a disproportionately large number of leftists were Jews, the latter tended to dismiss the Nazi threat. The problem was that as intellectuals they believed that National Socialism could never survive intelligent debate with the left. In their naivete they never realized that the Nazis were not interested in debate.

For a fine analysis of a much misunderstood element in anti-Semitism George Mosse's **Germans & Jews** is highly recommended.

Jerusalem scenic site saved from destruction by bulldozers and building contractors

Jerusalem (JCNS) – Last minute changes of heart on the part of the Israeli housing ministry and the Jerusalem municipality have saved one of the most beautiful sites in the city from destruction by bulldozers and building contractors.

But in ancient Safed, official intervention was too late to save a number of 400 year old houses in the historic Sephardi quarter from destruction, including part of the house of Rabbi Itzhak Luria – the Ari – one of the great masters of the Cabala.

The Jerusalem site which has been preserved is in the immediate area of Government House, once the seat of the British high commissioner and now the headquarters of the United Nations Truce Supervision organization.

Its hills and slopes command magnificent views over East and West Jerusalem, with vistas over the Judean Hills to the Dead Sea.

Both the housing ministry and the municipality had approved plans for the construction of houses and hotels on 500 acres of land. Certainly the density of the population would have been kept low, but the buildings would have totally destroyed the whole character of the rocky and desolate hills.

The destruction of the ancient houses in Safed was undertaken on the private initiative of the Braslav Chasidim, with the express approval of the town's mayor, but without consultations with any local or national planning body.

The intention was to build a yeshiva and an Orthodox Ashkenazi residential area on the site of the Sephardi quarter where the houses, although in a neglected condition, are capable of preservation and comprise a monument to the golden age of Safed. The part of the Ari's house destroyed contained a mikva.

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International news

on the wire

Cape Town elects two Jewish mayors

Cape Town (JCNS) – For the first time in Cape Town two Jews are in office together as mayor and deputy mayor. Richard Friedlander and David Bloomberg, both lawyers, were installed in their respective civic responsibilities recently.

Friedlander's family has played a prominent role in communal and civic affairs. His wife, Phyllis, is a cousin of Michael Comay, the Israeli ambassador in London.

Bloomberg is Cape Town's youngest deputy mayor. His father, Abe, an MP for many years, is a former mayor.

$10,000 AS PRICE FOR LOSS OF MAIDENHOOD

Jerusalem (JCNS) – A 15 year old Tel Aviv girl is suing a youth for $10,000 for the loss of her maidenhood (the youth is at present facing criminal charges for rape). The girl is a member of the community of Libyan Jews now living in Israel and her case rests on the fact that, in her community, a girl who has lost her virginity is in permanent disgrace and stands little chance of marriage.

RABBI FAVORS A "MAMZERIM UNION"

Jerusalem (JCNS) – An Israeli rabbi has said in a newspaper interview that he favors the formation of an organization of mamzerim, bearing in mind that the status of bastard is carried on from generation to generation in Jewish law.

Rabbi Shmuel Abba Greenberg, who made the suggestion, added what he said was the Talmudic opinion that bastards have a hereditary tendency to be short-lived.

Rabbi Greenberg is the secretary of the special court newly appointed by the Chief Rabbinate Council to examine the bona fides of conversions of East Europeans carried out by the Vienna Beth Din and to adjudicate in other doubtful conversions.

38,000 IMMIGRANTS IN 1971 – THE SAME AS LAST YEAR

Jerusalem (JCNS) – About 38,000 immigrants arrived in Israel since Rosh Hashana last, a similar number to last year, a spokesman for the absorption ministry revealed here recently.

He divided them as 21,600 who immigrated voluntarily, and 16,400 who "had been compelled to emigrate."

Forty-three percent of the immigrants came from Europe (38% the previous year); 22% were from Asia and Africa (32% last year); 22% from North America (about the same as last year); and 13% from Latin America (9% last year).

About 3,000 Israelis who had been living abroad for some time also returned during the year.

RABBIS CALL ON USA SUPREME COURT TO ABOLISH DEATH PENALTY

New York (JCNS) – The Synagogue Council of America (the representative body of Orthodox, Conservative and Liberal Judaism) and the American Jewish Congress have called upon the American Supreme Court to abolish the death penalty. The plea does not apply to international crimes of genocide.

The document filed with the court cited both basic democratic principles and Jewish Talmudic sources.

Dr. Leo Pfeffer, the AJC's constitutional lawyer, said: "The laws of evidence and criminal procedure in the Talmud made conviction in a capital case practically impossible."

The brief addressed itself to four capital crime cases to be heard by the Supreme Court this month. Citing the American Constitution's Eighth Amendment against "cruel and unusual punishment," it argued: "There exists considerable scholarly opinion . . . that the death penalty has no more deterrent force than life or long imprisonment."

BONN SEEKS TO RESTORE ARAB LINKS

Bonn (JCNS) – Walter Scheel, the West German foreign minister, may meet Abdel Khalek Hassouna, the Arab League's secretary general, soon to discuss the possibility of a resumption of diplomatic relations between Bonn and a number of Arab States.

The relations were broken off after West Germany and Israel exchanged ambassadors in 1965.

It was disclosed that Scheel wrote to Hassouna outlining his government's attitude on the Middle East issue and expressing its wish to normalize West German-Arab relations.

WORK ON 'ELECTRONIC RABBI'

Tel Aviv – A special team at the Weizmann Institute of Science is working on an "electronic rabbi," a computer capable of issuing rulings on any question of Torah or halacha (religious law) that could possibly arise.

The team is studying the problem of indexing and feeding the computer's "memory bank" with the hundreds of rulings by Jewish scholars over the centuries. It will be able to come up in minutes with answers that would require years of delving by the greatest scholars. The computer will be programed in stages and its "memory" completed in 10 years.

Contempt

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philosophy but in its leadership. If the mantle of leadership must be handed over it is because Congress leaders have worn the mantle without vigor and courage."

David Newman said that he was worried that "everything we stand for will be crushed by an autocratic structure and leadership" as a result of the merger. He accused the Welfare Fund leadership of seeking to "smuggle something through" that would radically alter the content and structure of Congress. "It will have the same name, but it will really be all gone," he insisted.

The audience applauded periodically as speakers from the floor argued against the proposed merger. Archie Bennett, first president of the CJC, after a lengthy review of the history of Congress said, "the Welfare Fund is not equipped to give the leadership that Congress needs."

Al Perly argued that "too much efficiency will destroy the meaning and significance of the Jewish community". He said that there could be no reason, except efficiency for a social service and a cultural organization to merge.

J.B. Salsberg said, "Congress can stand an improvement in its democracy." He emphasized that the failure of youth to keep in touch with the Jewish community is a grave problem that Congress must solve. He also cautioned the audience not to forget that people on both sides of the merger issue had the best interest of the community at heart. He claimed that the confidence of the average citizen would be lost if Congress amalgamated with the Welfare Fund.

The meeting closed with the passage of resolution calling on the Canadian Jewish Congress to initiate a widespread public debate on the value of the proposed merger. Following such discussion, the regional council alone, on which the organizations sit, should have the right to make the decision. Further, because the present council's term will end shortly, no decision should be made until the new council is elected.

Meyer Gasner, who attended the meeting refused several invitations by the chairman to take the floor. He told The Canadian Jewish News, "there are a lot of opinions being expressed which are not justified. People who support Congress have no voice at all in tonight's panel." He also expressed doubts regarding the validity of Julius Hayman as a defender of Congress. "I don't remember when I last saw him at a meeting. He has always been at odds with Congress."

Not invited

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meeting of the regional council and abide by the decision. We won't play by the rules Satok establishes. We won't be put in the position of defending the merger at a stacked meeting called by its opponents."

Sidney Harris, Regional chairman of Congress said that he hardly needed to comment on the accusation in view of the expenditure in time, and concern he had spent in community efforts.

"If there has been any weakness in Congress it is because we have been supplicants in order to obtain sufficient budget to operate. We must have control over our program. The Welfare Fund has shown its statesmanship by inviting us to merge, to become a part of the allocating mechanism.

"A newspaper advertisement of a meeting is not an invitation," Harris objected. "If anyone showed contempt, the Provisional Committee showed contempt for us! "

Phantoms

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tending a new line of "military credits" in the amount of $500 million for Israel to enable it to purchase additional F-4 Phantom aircraft.

It was Jackson's amendment to the Foreign Military Procurement Act of 1971 that provided $500 million in credits for Israeli military purchases and gave the President authority to use funds at his discretion for that purpose. Jackson said on the Senate floor that he was serving notice on the Nixon administration that he would press for new credits for Israel in the interests of maintaining the military balance in the Middle East. He criticized the administration sharply for assuming "with neither evidence nor logic to support it that the Soviet Union genuinely desires a stabilizing settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute."

Jacob Brin

Sentimentality does not offer any real security

by Sol I. Littman

"The effects of the devaluation are yet to be felt in Israel. A few things have gone up, mainly staples. However, the present rise is not really due to devaluation but because the government has withdrawn subsidies on bread, milk, oil, sugar and the like. The full impact will only be felt next year."

The analyist was Jacob Brin, in Canada to consult with his colleagues of Canada-Israel Development Ltd. and Supersol.

"Instead of subsidizing staples and thereby providing a subsidy for the whole population, the government has decided to assist low income groups through extra payments which will compensate for the increase in prices. This is much fairer.

"The well-to-do don't need to be subsidized," Brin stated with conviction.

"The real problem will be distribution of such extra payments, deciding through whom should the payments be made, by the government or the employer?"

Brin, whose blue blazer, accent and dignified appearance suggests the British diplomat, has lived in Israel for the past 37 years. Born in Belgium, Brin has worked closely with Canadians through most of his career.

When the State of Israel was established, he joined the administration as director-general of the department of commerce and industry. Later, he was sent to London as economic counsellor at Israel's Embassy. Beginning in 1953, he spent six years exploring for oil for the Husky Oil Company. It was during this period that he developed his relationship with Canadian business leaders. He became the representative of Canadian interests in Supersol, an Israeli chain of supermarkets and has since become its president.

"Supermarkets are a rapidly growing phenomenon in Israel." Supersol, which has 15 stores has eight more on the drawing boards, Brin confided.

"Many people, especially in Israel, are sentimental about small shops, but the reality is that the owner has no security, no pension, no regular working hours and no vacations," Brin said. "Modern retail marketing means cleaner, fresher foods, smaller mark-ups, an eight hour day and paid vacations. Supersol's social security bill is 42 1/2% of payroll."

Supersol has been working with the government in holding the price line at pre-devaluation levels, at least until after the High Holidays.

"So far, devaluation has been a success. The first shock has passed and people are becoming used to the idea that imported goods will go up. At the same time, the man in the street realizes that this is an incentive for exporting and will improve Israel's economic position. Israel is a country in which the man in the street is fully aware of economic problems in the national sense, and its implications on the country's security."

Brin then turned to discussion of the Canada-Israel Development Company, headed until recently by the late Samuel Bronfman.

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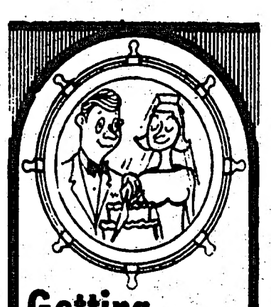

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Music by ENNIO MORRICONE · Executive Producer FERNANDO DIAS
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WEDNESDAY, Sept. 29
AT THE FORUM – 6 to 6:45 p.m. St. Ann's Ukrainian Festival Dancers from Thunder Bay. Directed by Nicholas Balina. 9:30 to 10:15 p.m. National Conservatory of Music Accordion Ensemble directed by Glen Sawich. A group of 22 in a program of classical and popular music.

THURSDAY, Sept. 30
AT THE FORUM – 7 to 7:45 p.m. Hamilton Men Teachers' Choir directed by Desmond Tyrrell.

FRIDAY, Oct. 1
AT THE FORUM – Indian Day at Ontario Place - first of three-day festival at Ontario Place with traditional Indian dances, music, drumming, arts, crafts, ceremonies. Chiefs and members of Ontario and Western Canadian tribes have been invited to participate. Events to take place in The Forum and surrounding areas, during the day and evening.

SATURDAY, Oct. 2
Indian Day - second in a three-day festival to be held in The Forum and surrounding areas, with Indian ceremonies, dancing, drumming, art exhibits and other events during day and evening.
FLOATING BARGE - 3 to 6 p.m.; Dick Smith Steel Band.
ONTARIO PLACE WATERWAYS - 12 noon, 2 and 4 p.m. Water Ski Spectacular, with skiing, kiting, jumping, and other acts.

SUNDAY, Oct. 3
AT THE FORUM – Indian Day - final day of three-day festival featuring Indian arts, crafts, dancing, music, drumming and other events, to be held in The Forum and surrounding areas, during day and evening.
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